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## CURRENT CAPITAL TOPICS.

### The Election-Investigation Committee Organized.

**Refusance of Senators to Serve--Three of the Members Give Home--The Shanghai Consulate Inquiry--Mr. Seward Declines to Produce His Books**

**Cabinet Meeting Yesterday--Nominations.**

**Mr. Blaine's Investigating Committee.**

The select committee of the Senate, which was appointed in pursuance of the resolution of Senator Blaine calling for an inquiry as to whether the constitutional rights of citizens in any of the States of the Union had been violated in the recent elections, had a meeting immediately after the adjournment of the Senate yesterday. The Republican members of the committee present were Messrs. Teller (chairman), Cameron (Wisconsin), and Kitchell; the Democratic members present being Messrs. Bayard, Bailey, and Garland, making six in all.

Mr. Bayard offered a resolution to the effect that the President of the United States be furnished with a copy of the resolution under which the committee was appointed, and requested him to be present at the public hearings to forward to the committee a list of documents and names of witnesses upon which he based his references to the alleged election frauds mentioned in his annual message, in order that the committee might summon witnesses and proceed with the investigation they are charged with. The resolution was lost by a strict party vote, namely: yes, 3; no, 2.

Mr. Blaine then submitted a resolution, which was adopted, calling upon Mr. Blaine to furnish specifications upon which the committee might base an inquiry and carry out the instructions embodied in the resolution offered by that gentleman. Without transacting any further business an adjournment was then taken until this morning at ten o'clock. Senators Hoyt and McMillan (Republicans) and Waller (Democrat) also left Washington yesterday morning for their respective homes, and will not return until after the holidays. There was evidence of dissatisfaction among the members of either political party that Mr. Blaine should shrink from the labors imposed by the resolution which he had introduced and so strongly advocated. It was officially stated this evening that Senator Cameron has asked to be excused from further service upon the committee.

### The Seward Investigation.

In the committee of the Seward Investigation yesterday the question came up whether Mr. Seward himself, who was present, could be required to be sworn and give testimony. It appears that some of the books of the Shanghai Consulate which the State Department was required to furnish to the committee are not to be found among those that have been furnished, particularly the blotter in which the daily transactions of the office were recorded, and which books Mr. Seward is alleged to have taken with him from Shanghai to Pekin.

A motion was made with the consent of the request of the counsel for the investigating witness issued and served on Seward Thursday evening, requiring him to produce all such books, vouchers, and papers. This subpoena was read Thursday morning by the chairman, and an answer to it was called for. Mr. Merrick, counsel for Mr. Seward, claimed for his client that he had given to Mr. Teller, United States Attorney for Northern Indiana, Roger S. Greene, of Washington, Justice of the Supreme Court of Washington Territory, will be withdrawn as soon as the Senate meets again after the holiday recess. The reasons for this withdrawal have not yet been made public.

### Nominations.

The President sent the following nominations to the Senate yesterday: Samuel R. Hawley, to be United States marshal for the District of Columbia; John W. Patterson, United States Attorney for Northern Indiana; Roger S. Greene, of Washington, Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States for that Territory; Augustus G. Cassard, of New Orleans, counsel at Tampa.

### Confirmations.

The Senate in executive session yesterday confirmed the following nominations:

G. M. Lumberton, of Nebraska, United States attorney for the district of Nebraska; Joshua H. Hill, marshal for the eastern district of North Carolina; Washington C. Wingard, of Washington Territory, associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States for that Territory; Augustus G. Cassard, of New Orleans, counsel at Tampa.

### Confidential.

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S. G. Lumberton, of Washington, D. C.; Alexander M. Dimock, Clinton; Franklin E. Fowle, Atwater.

New Jersey--John L. Conklin, Paterson; Henry Pope, Milton; Samuel S. Gleason, Watertown; Lewis E. Gleason, Reading; George M. Dimock, Clinton; Franklin E. Fowle, Atwater.

Perry H. Raymond, Albany, Oregon; Sylvester N. V., Lewis Merchant, Irie's Station, Pa.; Jonathan Jessup, York, Pa.; Abram Cassell, Marietta, Pa.; Charles H. Wilson, Plymouth, Pa.; George J. Crowningshield, Central Falls, R. I.; William H. Tubbs, New London, Conn.

Massachusetts--Cyrus Knox, Jr., Palmer; Henry Pope, Milton; Samuel S. Gleason, Watertown; Lewis E. Gleason, Reading; George M. Dimock, Clinton; Franklin E. Fowle, Atwater.

New Jersey--John L. Conklin, Paterson; Gordon Farmer, Hoboken; Lewis P. Taylor, South Orange; F. J. Van Wagner, Madison; Horace Dodd, Bloomsfield; Mrs. Sophia Merle, Weehawken; Thomas Newell, Passaic; Henry C. Jackson, Englewood.

Maine--James A. Hudson, Saginaw; Samuel W. Abbott, Monson; Julia Rogers, Ipswich.

Mrs. Lester A. Blodgett, Bellvue, Ohio; Sylvester V. R. Sherwood, Braintree, Mass.; Indiana--F. W. Miller, Elkhart; Mrs. E. M. Speed, La Grange; Richard M. Neuberger, Covington.

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Missouri--James H. Lloyd, Liberty; Howard T. Condit, Carrollton.

James Trotter, Greenville, S. C.; John C. Green, Birmingham, Ala.

### Capital and Departmental Notes.

Gold continues as per in New York.

Subscriptions to the 1 per cent. gold yesterday amounted to \$1,561,500.

Revenue receipts yesterday were--from internal revenue, \$24,531.23; from customs, \$11,325.11.

The Assistant Treasurer at New York has been furnished with legal tenders of large denominations to take the place of coin certificates. They will be issued to those who desire them.

### NOTES FOR DIRECT TAXES IN THE INSURANCE DISTRICTS.

Dr. Trellell vs. Robert Smith, Appeal from the South Carolina district, South purchased property in Beaufort County, S. C., at a commissary's sale, under the act of June, 1862, providing for the collection of direct taxes on the insurance districts. This action is brought by the appellant, as the owner of the property at the date of sale, to avoid the same in legal form in an adversary cause, and notice of sale, or other affidavit, or by memorandum, or in any other manner sufficient to satisfy those interested in the tax sale. The court rejected the tax sale certificate, and excluded the proof offered by the appellant of the irregularities alleged. This ruling is assigned as error in this cause, and the argument, being that the sale certificate is not made evidence of the facts recited in it, and is not in any form made evidence by the acts. T. C. Barker for plaintiff.

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TITLE OF THE ASSESSMENT UNDER THE EIGHTH AMENDMENT IN BANKRUPTCY.

Held, in the Minnesota district. In this case the bankrupt, one Silcox, made an assignment under State law, on the day execution was levied on the goods in his store at the suit of the plaintiff's in error. This assign-

ment was held to be void, but such an act of bankruptcy as defeated the levy made immediately thereafter, and that the subsequent proceedings in bankruptcy transferred the title to the property to the assignee in bankruptcy by force of law. It is here argued that as the levy was made without notice of any assignment, and more than a month prior to the intervention of the assignment, the original assignment valid as an intended preference, and this being so, the levy was good. E. C. Palmer for plaintiff in error; Rogers, Warren and Otto for appellee.

IRREGULARITIES IN THE ISSUE OF BONDS AS AFFECTING THE TITLE OF THE HOLDER.

William H. Teller, Esq., for plaintiff in error to the district of Kansas. This was a suit on bonds of the township issued in aid of railroad construction, and the questions are--first, whether the *Issue* holder of interest coupons who took them, without notice of any excess in the amount issued under the act authorizing them, is liable from recovery because of an actual excess in the amount of bonds issued, since the holder did not notice of the fact, the bonds being voted for the consolidation of two roads, the circumstance will defeat the right to recover. On these questions the court is divided below, and they are certified to this court for answer. Joseph Shipp and T. C. Skinner for plaintiff and Edward Pratt for defendant.

Imports from Great Britain.

A comparative statement of the exports of the principal articles of British and Irish productions from the United Kingdom to the United States during the eleven months ending November 30, 1878, and a corresponding period of the preceding year showed the following:

Total value during the eleven months in 1877.....\$16,241,257  
Total value for the same period in 1878.....15,431,293  
Decrease.....\$800,000

The articles on which the decrease is most are--

Frogs.....\$6,200  
And in 1878 but.....\$5,410,000  
Decrease.....\$1,276,000

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Linen piece goods, 1877.....\$1,200,000  
1878.....64,900,000  
Decrease.....\$1,200,000

Frogs.....\$1,200,000

Wool, 1877.....\$3,750,000  
1878.....1,500,000  
Decrease.....\$2,250,000

Frogs.....\$2,250,000

Decrease.....\$800,000

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